Gujarat were advised to modify the proposal, taking into account the norms for the watershed development schemes of various departments of the Government of India, who could provide funds on a consortium basis, including external aid. The portion to be funded by this Ministry could then be considered under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India, within the amount allocated for Gujarat for the year 2002-2003.

The State Government are yet to modify the scheme and send a revised proposal.

Separate commission for monitoring of ST schemes

†571. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set-up a separate National Commission for monitoring the implementation of schemes for scheduled tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received complaints from some of the States regarding laxity in implementation of the schemes for scheduled tribes;

(d) if so, the details of such States; and

(e) the steps taken by Government against such States?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the proposal to set up a separate National Commission for Scheduled Tribes by bifurcating the existing National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is under Consideration of the Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

IDSMT Scheme

572. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.